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Election of 11 members of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund has 36 members, elected with due regard to equitable geographical representation and other relevant factors with a view to ensuring the most effective and broadest representation.

2. In accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Council is to elect, at its resumed organizational session for 1998, 11 members of the Executive Board from among States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1999, to fill the vacancies that will occur on 31 December 1998 upon the expiration of the terms of the following members: China, Cuba, France, Namibia, New Zealand, Russian Federation, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine and Viet Nam.

3. The 11 members will be elected on the following basis:

   (a) One member from African States;

   (b) Two members from Asian States;

   (c) Two members from Eastern European States;

   (d) Two members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

   (e) Four members from Western European and Other States.

4. The current membership of the Executive Board is given in the annex below.

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Annex

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

(36 members; three-year term)

Membership in 1998

Eight seats for African States

Cape Verde (1999), Comoros (2000), Congo (2000), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2000), Namibia* (1998), Nigeria (1999), South Africa (2000), Sudan (2000)

Seven seats for Asian States

Bangladesh (2000), China* (1998), Indonesia (1999), Kazakhstan (2000), Oman (1999), Viet Nam* (1998), Yemen (2000)

Four seats for Eastern European States

Azerbaijan (2000), Czech Republic (1999), Russian Federation* (1998), Ukraine* (1998)

Five seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda (2000), Cuba* (1998), Jamaica (1999), Nicaragua (1999), Suriname* (1998)

Twelve seats for Western European and other States

Belgium (1999), Finland (2000), France* (1998), Germany (1999), Greece (1999), Japan (2000), New Zealand* (1998), Norway (2000), Sweden* (1998), Switzerland* (1998), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2000), United States of America (1999)

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* Retiring member